

calamity relief such as drought, flood, etc. at rates applicable to families below poverty line (BPL) i.e. Rs. 5650 per tonne for rice and Rs. 4150 per tonne for wheat for distribution to the affected families.

As compared to this, the export price of rice fixed by the Government of India is Rs. 5650/-per tonne for raw rice and Rs. 6000/- per tonne for parboiled rice. The current export price of wheat is Rs. 4200 per tonne and that of 'lustre lost' wheat of Punjab and Haryana is Rs. 4150 per tonne.

Rejection of wheat by Indonesia

1252. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the efforts of Government to export wheat to Indonesia received a set back since the Indonesia Government has rejected Indian wheat due to quality reasons;

(b) if so, the facts and the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have been exporting poor quality of wheat resulting losses in heavy transit charges etc.; and

(d) if so, the details of such losses suffered during the last few years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Discrepancies in prices of PDS items

†1253. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that prices of the items sold through the fair price shops are more than the prices prevailing in the open market;

(b) if so, whether Government are going to reconsider the prices of these items; and

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